



In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

WELCOME TO GUESTS AND VISITORS! We are glad you could join us for worship today. We hope that you are blessed by the Word and Sacraments that we share. We encourage you to participate as fully as you can. The screen in front will guide you. If desired, musical notation can be found as noted in the outline below. (The “#” indicates hymn numbers in red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal, and “SB” indicate page numbers in the “Song Book” pamphlet. The vertical line in the left margin indicates when we stand as we are able.)

HOLY COMMUNION WITH SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

“It is taught that the true body and blood of Christ are truly present under the form of bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper and are distributed and received there” (Augsburg Confession, Article X)• “A person who has faith in these words, ‘given for you’ and ‘shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,’ is really worthy and well prepared.” “Forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament” (The Small Catechism, Part VI)• “This church practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion” (The Use of the Means of Grace, Principle 50)•

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Easter Greeting & Welcome & Introduction to the Day

650 **Gathering Song***In Christ There Is No East or West* 🎵

— **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

p. 147 Greeting

p. 148 Canticle of Praise*This is the Feast of Victory* 🎵

p. 150 Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

p. 151 First Reading**Acts 1:6-14**

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

— **Psalmody****Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

¹Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

²**Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;
as the wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to his name;**

**exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!**

⁵Father of orphans, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!

⁶**God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

¹⁰**Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

³³Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³⁴**He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

³⁵Ascribe power to God;
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

³⁶**How wonderful is God in his holy places,
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!**

p. 151 Second Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

— **Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 14:18)**

p. 151 GospelJohn 17:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

— **Sermon**

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Sunday

Exodus 3:1-12
 Hebrews 12:18-29
 Luke 10:17-24

Monday

Joshua 1:1-9
 Ephesians 3:1-13
 Matthew 8:5-17

Tuesday

1 Samuel 16:1-13a
 Ephesians 3:14-21
 Matthew 8:18-27

Wednesday

Isaiah 4:2-6
 Ephesians 4:1-16
 Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday

Zechariah 4:1-14
 Ephesians 4:17-32
 Matthew 9:1-8

Friday

Jeremiah 31:27-34
 Ephesians 5:1-32
 Matthew 9:9-17

Saturday

Ezekiel 36:22-27
 Ephesians 6:1-24
 Matthew 9:18-26

READINGS THIS WEEK (ELW)

Mon – May 25	Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24	1 Peter 4:1-6	Psalm 99
Tue – May 26	Numbers 16:41-50	1 Peter 4:7-11	Psalm 99
Wed – May 27	1 Kings 8:54-65	John 3:31-36	Psalm 99
Thu – May 28	Exodus 19:1-9a	Acts 2:1-11	Psalm 33:12-22
Fri – May 29	Exodus 19:16-25	Romans 8:14-17	Psalm 33:12-22
Sat – May 30	Exodus 20:1-21	Matthew 5:1-12	Psalm 33:12-22

Or Saturday May 30 – Vigil of Pentecost**Readings**

Exodus 19:1-9 or Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 33:12-22 or Psalm 130;
 Romans 8:14-17, 22-27; John 7:37-39.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sunday May 31 – Day of Pentecost

Readings

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34;

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21;

John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

MOTHERS & FATHER IN THE FAITH (UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS)

Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists – Sunday, May 24, 2020

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564 – Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.

Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637 -- Friday, May 29, 2020

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

WORSHIP SERVICES WITH SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Like your favorite fancy restaurant, but better—
the Host is Christ.*

Regular Worship Times:

- **Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, 1:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

Please call for information.

All In-Person Worship Is By Reservation Only

Each week, Saint John Lutheran Church is **open for worship**, but only by reservation. We are trying to maintain a maximum attendance of ten at any worship service until the county's directions change. You must call Pastor Bond (608-208-0283) in advance, and reservations are "first-come, first-served." 24-hour-in-advance contact would be appreciated.

The pastor is the only one with the guestbook. Because you attended the previous week does not mean you are counted again for the next week, *unless* you contact Pastor Bond. Likewise, please let the pastor know as soon as possible if you have registered but cannot attend, so that your space might be available for someone else.

We are celebrating Holy Communion, with music accompaniment, regularly at 9:00 Sunday. If more than ten persons desire to attend at 9:00 a.m., a second worship time will be established on Sunday morning, but musical accompaniment is not guaranteed.

9:00 a.m. Sunday is also the time for the Facebook Live web-cast (www.facebook.com/sjlc.elca). A video recording of the worship service is available for viewing by Monday morning at the congregation's web-site, www.sjlc-elca.org, and broadcast on JATV, channel 994, one week delayed on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Jesus' Prayer

Decades beyond her early childhood, from time to time she repeats the bedtime prayer she has never forgotten: “Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. Guard me, Jesus, through the night, and wake me with the morning light.” What then follows is the threading of names, precious like pearls, on a string. “God bless . . .,” she begins, then lists mom, dad, grandmas, grandpas, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, all by name. Then teachers she liked, friends nearby and hungry children afar, the sick neighbor, the old man in the library, the blind lady at the post office, the lifeguard at the beach. Sometimes there is an “Amen,” but often sleep comes first.

Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, shares a farewell meal with them, and teaches for the last time about his way of love. He promises again the presence of the Spirit and the coming of God’s peace. Then, at the end of the day, he prays that God will be with his followers—and he prays for each of us. Jesus prays for his disciples, that they might know the love of God just as much as they know the real person of Jesus.

Jesus’ prayer is also a prayer for unity. Jesus prays that we may be one just as he and God are one. Jesus prays, “All mine are yours, and yours are mine” (John 17:10). Following Jesus’ example, we also may pray for the unity of all people with God, and the reconciling of peoples and all creation. We pray that what the world rejects God will receive. We pray that what the world divides God will make one. We pray that what the world threatens God will protect.

May we be comforted by Jesus’ prayer for us, and may we be so emboldened to pray ourselves for the blessing, presence, and unity found in our risen Lord and Savior.

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